

blame Maureen for rendering him
heirless in spite of his children?
He had waited years for Maureen's breasts

to grow succulent, for her to erupt
under a short maternity skirt; but
in all their married life they'd never

experienced a first together: now
he resents not being called endearing
names by beautiful women who could

pass the secret on to children
able to convert him into store-
fronts or tricks to rival Concorde.

Rare chap, Philpot, belatedly doing his bit
to keep the population down, to
liberate his wife: free drinks all round.

PHILPOT EMBARRASSES THE HEADMASTER

Cautious as a novice, he will not
say whether it's a son or a daughter

he comes to claim an interest in. Philpot
might undervalue the good opinion

of neighbors and creditors, but he knows
something about Psychology: he will not

embarrass his off-spring, secure in their
mothers (using the plural throughout

for safety) name. His fastidiousness
keeps two adults in detention long after

the other parents have departed, the new
Commissioner conducting his one man

Royal Enquiry on the performance of all
the black kids in the school. The head-

master is reluctant to discourage a new
recruit, and finally sighs with something

sharper than relief when this one proclaims
himself -- neither satisfied nor its opposite,

careful not to give the game away -- but
a family man again recalled to duty.